

SES CONNECTION



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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR



The month of August is upon us, which means we are literally weeks away from the start of another academic year at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. While I have been around UAF for a number of years now, I am looking at the beginning of this

semester with a whole new set of eyes since I am now deeply engrained into the world of student and enrollment services.

What I have seen in my short time on the job is exciting and gives me confidence that UAF's most important unit is in the capable hands of some very solid and dedicated leaders. That is a good thing because UAF's success in the present and the future depends on how well we attract and retain the best and brightest students to our campus. We're seeing some bright spots with the increases in this semester's enrollment. The folks at admissions have put in the hours to help convince these students to come to UAF, and now it is up to the rest of us --- both from within SES and across the entire campus --- to make sure they stay.

When Chancellor Rogers asked me to take on the short-term job of overseeing SES, he asked that I work with the staff to prepare a

report on three specific areas. They include:

1. Identify program changes needed to make SES even stronger.
2. Identify short-term solutions to problems/challenges that we can implement now. Identify options to restructure SES.
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Over the last month and a half I have been working one-on-one and in groups with the SES leadership team, the SES staff, and other campus leaders. The conversations we have had have been great, and there are no shortages of ideas coming from everyone on how we can make SES better at what we do.

I'm sure that a question on a lot of folks' minds is, "So, how long is this guy going to hang around?" I don't have an answer for that yet. Right now that depends on what the next steps are in replacing Vice Chancellor Barnett and what type of process we will follow. But the bottom line is that for now, it is business as usual for SES and I will assist as is needed. Again, there is a solid team in place to get the work done that needs to be done for our students.

Thanks to all of you for your dedication and hard work.

UPCOMING DATES

August 14 2009 Summer Sessions Ends

August 30 Residence halls open

August 30-September 2 New Student Orientation

September 3 First day of classes and fee payment begins

September 7 Labor Day, UAF Closed

September 9-10 Student Job Fair (Career Services)

September 11 Last day for registration and fee payment

September 16 Law School Consortium (Career Services)

September 18 Deadline for student and faculty-initiated drops and 50% refund of tuition

September 25 Starvation Gulch

September 28-October 2 Engineering Geosciences Career Week (Career Services)

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INTERNATIONAL ALTERNATIVE BREAK

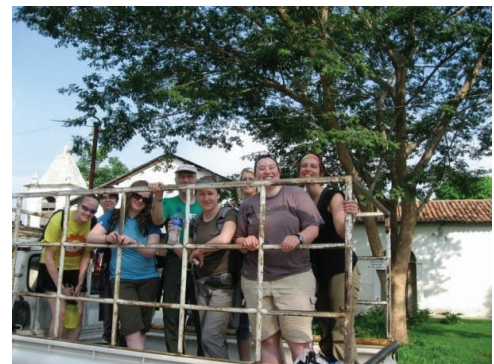
On May 21st, seven adventurous UAF students and one staff advisor began the long trek to El Salvador for the Leadership Program's first international Alternative Break! The alternative break team of Kari Pile, Kassi MacDonald-Colquhon, Kat Smart, Caroline Streeter, Emily Van Matre, Dana Boyd, Tori Middlestadt and Cara Hollingsworth spent two weeks participating in service projects and cultural emersion in cities and villages throughout the country.

The majority of this trip was coordinated by Tony Gasbarro, UAF professor emeritus in the school of Natural Resources and Agriculture Sciences. Tony spent two years living in El Salvador as a Peace Corps Volunteer and currently works with the non-profit organization Project Salvador.

During the trip the team had the opportunity to work on repair and renovation projects at the Center of Art for Peace in the town of Suchitoto and in the villages of Popaturro and Copapayo. While in the villages, team members lived with local families worked on improvement projects with the villagers and became familiar with subsistence agriculture and every-day village life. The team was also able to teach English lessons, donate hundreds of books to the village libraries and spend many, many hours playing with the village children.

During the last three days of the trip, the team traveled back to San Salvador. Here, the team spent time at the University of Central America learning about the civil war (1980-1992), and it's social, economic and political impact on the country.

The trip was fascinating, exhilarating and emotionally exhausting. Although the team was excited to return home, it was sad to leave El Salvador. As a team we were fortunate to have our eyes opened to the immense need in the world, and see how easy it is to make a difference.



DISABILITY SERVICES

Disability Services revised its brochure and various documents in order to comply with the amended Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In January 2009, Congress enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA). It is important to note that though the ADAAA broadened the scope of the law to be more inclusive it did not change the basic definition of a disability. In order to be eligible for protection, an individual must have an impairment which substantially limits one or more of the major life activities.

The significant changes in law included the expansion of the list of major life activities, disallowed consideration of mitigating measures, and added diseases that are episodic or in remission. Though immediate changes in the ADA will have the greatest impact on children in public schools and employees, it is anticipated that university students seeking accommodations will increase significantly as the ADAAA becomes

established law.

The ADAAA continues to support the goals of higher education allowing for reasonable modifications in academic settings and disallowing requests that would fundamentally alter academic requirements.

Disability Services Director Mary Matthews will travel to Anchorage in August to attend a training program on changes in the ADA conducted by Cornell University. Following her training, she looks forward to offering trainings to UAF staff and faculty. If your department is interested, please contact the Disability Services office at 474-5655 or fydso@uaf.edu.

UAF TOASTMASTERS CLUB

The benefits and value of the Toastmasters program is not easily put into words. Below is just a brief list of the Features/Benefits/Value of the program.

Features	Benefits	Value
Workshop based communication skills training	Improved communication skills	Better teamwork, Improved moral, Increased productivity
Weekly meetings	Lessons Reinforced	Skills learned are used and retained
Mutually supportive training environment	Enhances teamwork and morale	Decreased turnover and improved customer service
Prepared speeches	Train employees how to structure presentations for maximum effectiveness	Effective meetings and better communication with customers
Key benefit for employees	Enhance your job satisfaction and career	Employee retention career enhancement
Opportunity to meet fellow employees and community members	Enhance diversity and teamwork	Improved productivity less absenteeism
Leadership development programs	Directly improve leadership skills	Reduce "churn" and better managers

UAF Toast of Alaska Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 pm in the O'Neil Building room 201. Come check us out.... Guests are always welcome and encouraged to come. For more information contact: Jackie Debevec, jdebevec@alaska.edu, or Mary Sue Dates, marysue@alaska.edu, 474-7596 in Career Services.

CAREER SERVICES

2008-2009

This was a record breaking year for Career Services. Services were provided to more students than in any previous year, the number of employers available to students tripled through a new database system, [UAF CareerConnect](#), attendance at presentations exceeded expectation and outreach to the UAF community, rural areas and the local community was expanded.

2009-2010

We are excited about the upcoming year. Our goal is to have the new website live, a department Facebook site and a blogsite to promote interaction and collaboration with the students, staff and faculty of UAF while providing important and valuable information. We will also be a continued supporter of the UAF Toastmaster's Club.

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ONE STOP SHOP

We're under construction, pardon our mess! You might notice that the residents of the first and second floors of Signers' Hall and the Office of Financial Aid are under construction. The goal is to have an improved student services area for a one-stop student experience. Phase I included moving the Polar Express office into Eielson 116 (the old fee payment room), back filling empty office spaces with Admissions staff and publications, and removal of the two large paintings in the Signers' Hall lobby. The project will continue in the coming weeks with:

- 1) HVAC added to the Financial Aid Office, which will significantly improve their quality of workspace;
- 2) the rearrangement of the Office of Financial Aid to include a new entryway closer to the Polar Express office;
- 3) construction of new ADA compliant counters in the Business & Registrar's office;
- 4) painting in the Signers' Hall lobby & mezzanine;
- 5) the replacement of the carpet in the Signers' Hall lobby and some first floor offices;
- 6) the creation of a "UAF History" wall above the location of the old basketball court;
- 7) the addition of digital signage to the lobby

with flat screen TV monitors; and 8) the creation of a permanent help desk in the center of the Signers' Hall lobby with new computer kiosks.

Needless to say there is a lot going on in Signers'! No construction will take place between Sept. 3 & 11. Look for construction to be completed by mid-October.



Asbestos removal in the Financial Aid Office

Contact: Lael Oldmixon, lmoldmixon@alaska.edu

The Leadership Program has changed its name to the Leadership, Involvement and Volunteer Experience Program (L.I.V.E.)

RESIDENCE LIFE



Summers are never dull in Residence Life! We have housed over 300 summer students and 4200 guests since the spring semester ended. We assisted with housing of flood victims, and hosted people from over 28 countries. Renovation projects were completed in 8 apartments, windows and sprinklers are being installed in 61 apartments. We shut down a building, held a housing forum, and are on our way to implementing a new software system for housing.

Rev It Up and hall opening is August 30th! Come join us as we welcome our students back to campus for the fall. We need help with moving luggage, giving directions, greeting and just being there for the students and their parents. If you would like to help or get more information, please contact Jamie Napolski at x1885, fnjra@uaf.edu.

Staff Changes

We had some staff changes and moves, and are excited to welcome our new colleagues in their new positions!

Jennifer Betschart – Lathrop Hall Resident Director

Kate Wilson – Bartlett Hall Resident Director
Blaine DeWalt – McIntosh, Nerland, Stevens and Wickersham Resident Director

Scott Hall – Stevens Hall Assistant Resident Director

Trevor Gillespie – Nerland Hall Assistant Resident Director

Brad Bishop – Moore Hall Assistant Resident Director

Sheila Spader – MacLean Assistant Resident Director

ADMISSIONS' RESIDENCY ELIGIBILITY

The new PFD Eligible flag has just gone live in Banner production. You can see it in the SAAADMS screen beneath "Outstanding Requirements" and in the SGASTDN screen beneath "Full or Part Time" (see screen shots). The information comes from PFD's database of approved applicants.

If someone has been approved for the PFD, then they will have a 'Y' after 'PFD Eligible.' If they have not been approved for the PFD, then there will be nothing displayed after 'PFD Eligible.' There will be times when students say they are PFD eligible and no 'Y' flag will show in SAAADMS or SGASTDN--these students will need to provide proof of PFD the way they always have.

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SAAADMS

The screenshot shows the SAAADMS interface with the following fields:

- New Term:** 200801 Spring Semester 2008
- Student Status:** AS Active
- Student Type:** N Non-Degree Seeking
- Residence:** N Non-Resident
- Fee Assessment Rate:** [Dropdown]
- Class:** ND Non-Degree Seeking
- Full or Part Time:** Full Time Part Time None
- PFD Eligible:** Y (indicated by a blue arrow)

SGASTDN

The screenshot shows the SGASTDN interface with the following fields:

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- Student Status:** AS Active
- Student Type:** N Non-Degree Seeking
- Residence:** N Non-Resident
- Fee Assessment Rate:** [Dropdown]
- Class:** ND Non-Degree Seeking
- Full or Part Time:** Full Time Part Time None
- PFD Eligible:** Y (indicated by a blue arrow)



ADMISSIONS

Welcome to Mike Earnest. Mike has worked for UAF as a student employee, the Associate Director of Admissions and most recently worked at Statewide for two years. Welcome Mike in your new role as the Director of Admissions!

Welcome Morgan Balai. He is joining the Admissions Office staff as the EMAS tech.

Admissions office moves

During July and August, we will be shifting staff around. Mike Earnest, Director, will be in Signer's 216. Lael Oldmixon, Associate Director of Recruitment, will be in Signer's 217. Libby Eddy is in Signer's 225. Jessica Bennett will relocate to Signer's 113 while Megan Allen will move to Eielson 113. Geri Wilda and Jennifer Phillips can be found in Eielson 203. Rodney Thompson and SES Digital Imaging will be located in Eielson 207.

FEE PAYMENT UPDATES

The Business Office will no longer be distributing cash to students at fee payment. Students can receive their refund by check or direct deposit. Students will not be able to pick up refund checks at the Business Office; checks will be mailed to students. For textbook loans, students must have certified financial aid or be in a payment plan and a book list

must be provided. The Business Office has a "Pay Early and Win" promotion going. If students pay their account in full or get into a payment plan by Sept 3, they are eligible to win Alaska Airlines tickets, \$250 Bear Bucks, or a UAF backpack full of goodies. For updates, please visit www.uaf.edu/business/



FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

TVC Advisor

We are excited to announce that the advisor at Tanana Valley Campus has been continued for another year. Starting this fall, the position will be full time. You can reach the advisor at 455-2869. This position is currently under recruitment.

Welcome Rachael!

We would like to welcome Rachael Billups to our office! She is the new verification technician. She comes to us after many years as a student employee and staff member in the Registrar's Office.

Newsletter Committee

Ashley Munro, Chair
Geri Wilda

Accepting Awards

For this academic year, all students accepting loans must review the Satisfactory Academic Policy statement on UAOnline. Students will not be able to click on the "Accept Award Offer" tab without reading the document. The student must: click on the "Resources/Additional Information" tab (1), open the linked SAP Policy (2), read carefully through the entire policy, select "Yes" from the drop down menu (3), and click on the "Submit Information" button (4). Only after this is completed, can a student click on the "Accept Award Offer" tab (5) to accept loans.

The screenshot shows the 'Resources/Additional Information' tab selected. Red arrows and numbers indicate the following steps: 1. Click on the 'Resources/Additional Information' tab. 2. Click on the 'Satisfactory Academic Policy' link. 3. Select 'Yes' from the dropdown menu for 'Have you Read and Understood the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy?'. 4. Click on the 'Submit Information' button. 5. Click on the 'Accept Award Offer' tab.

resource Description	Term	Amount	Comments
<input type="text"/>	Fall Semester 2009	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	Fall Semester 2009	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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FINANCIAL SENSE

The Financial Aid Office will continue hosting weekly Financial Sense workshops this fall. Workshops will be held every Thursday from 1pm to 2pm in Gruening 413. All students, alumni, faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Topics will include: budgeting, identity theft, credit reports, scholarship research, saving

money and much more! A schedule will be posted at www.uaf.edu/finaid/workshops. If you would like to schedule or request a specific workshop, please contact Ashley Munro, 474-1934, akmunro@alaska.edu.

FINANCIAL AID TRAINING

The Alaska Association of Financial Aid Administrators (ALASFAA) will be hosting 2 trainings this summer and fall. In August, there will be a webinar entitled "Financial Aid Basics". This will be a great opportunity for advisors, recruiters and counselors to learn the basic fundamentals of financial aid. On October 1 and 2, ALASFAA will be holding its annual conference in Fairbanks. Staff from lending and guarantee agencies will host informative sessions for financial aid personnel, as well as information for

employees in the admissions office, business office, rural campus, academic advisors and many more. For more information regarding either training opportunity, please contact Ashley Munro (474-1934, akmunro@alaska.edu)



The Health and Counseling Office would like to welcome Hayley Staples to the Health Center Staff as the new Administrative Assistant. Hayley has worked at UAF previously as a student employee and is an Alumnus

WOOD CENTER

The Wood Center staff has been gearing up for a new academic year. We have made some exciting changes over the summer which include: changing the name of the Leadership Program, a new reception area, new digital signage, development of a programming board, new programs etc. We've been busy! We also have a couple of staff changes to report. Catherine Grieve, Event Services Coordinator, left for graduate school and we are pleased to introduce Nichole Pearce as her replacement. Nicole previously worked at the Alaska Bird Observatory – we are thrilled to have her on the Wood Center team. The Office of Leadership, Involvement and Volunteer Experience will be hiring a new Fiscal Technician and we expect this individual to be here early August.

Wood Center is your campus center! We provide meeting spaces, entertainment, balloon bouquets and snacks, outdoor equipment, assistance in planning events, adult beverages and nachos, or just a place to come and hang out. We invite you to stop by and visit. In fact, the first 10 people to stop by and meet our new Event Services Coordinator and Fiscal Technician will receive a Wood Center 1 GB jump drive!

Check out our website at www.uaf.edu/woodcenter/ for a full list of services and events.



REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

DegreeWorks has more catalogs in production. Catalog years include from Fall 2004 thru Summer 2008. Future trainings will be announced in the Fall semester.

Banner system are in real-time interface, which would help streamline booking room assignments for both classes and events.

The Registrar's office and Wood Center Events Scheduling are currently collaborating with OIT statewide and ASTRA technicians with the VII upgrade of ASTRA software. ASTRA is a scheduling software. Version VII is a completely re-engineered web-based solution that will bring an "Enterprise Calendaring", which would be a central calendar to schedule the university's rooms, events, classes, equipment, service providers, catering, students, staff, faculty and event attendees. ASTRA and the

Please welcome Anna Brumbelow, our new Academic Scheduling Coordinator! Anna started her new duties on July 6, 2009. Anna comes to us after many successful years as an Admissions Clerk and Admissions Specialist at UAF and as a Financial Services Representative and Enrollment Counselor at the University of Phoenix. We are glad to have her on board with us!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mike Wyant started at the Registrar's office as a student employee in 2004 and has been our expertise as the Scheduling technician for ASTRA scheduling software for over two years. You might also remember Mike's upbeat attitude when he was a RA in Residence Life while he was pursuing his dual bachelor's degrees in Russian Studies and History. He moved to Alaska to attend UAF from Muskegon, Michigan in 2000.

Mike had extensively enhanced ASTRA's web client and is now working with the version VII upgrade. Mike works behind the scenes resolving room conflicts and troubleshooting the software. He is well-liked by faculty and staff. Everyone agrees that he has a positive attitude and fun personality!

Mike is our party meister, who is more than happy to plan one and be the only guest. He will be pursuing his masters in Bangor University in Wales this fall. We will miss Mike as he moves on with new adventures in Wales.



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